

TAFT ASKS  
INTERFERENCEIn New York's Shirtwaist  
Girls' Strike

## IF IT IS FOUND NECESSARY

He Sent Petition To-day to Nodel Peace  
Foundation to Determine if the  
Strike Is an Industrial  
Crisis.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 27.—A petition that the case of the striking girl shirtwaist workers be taken up by the Nodel Peace foundation was sent to-day by President Taft to the assistant secretary of the foundation, Theodore L. Wood. If the foundation considers the shirtwaist strike an industrial crisis, it is expected that it will act with vigor to end it.

1,250 ENGINEERS  
MADE HAPPYReading Railroad Agrees to New Scale of  
Wages, Granting Increase to 1,250  
Engineers.

Reading, Pa., Jan. 27.—Following a meeting of the committee on adjustment, the Reading railroad announced to-day that the company has agreed to a new scale of wages, which grants increases to 1,250 engineers.

RESOLUTION AMENDS  
FEDERAL CONSTITUTIONProvides for Levying Income Tax—  
President May End Levy at Any  
Time Unless Congress Over-  
rules by Two-thirds Vote.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 15.—For the purpose of raising a revenue in time of war or in case of any other emergency, Representative Fowler of New York to-day introduced a resolution in the House amending the federal constitution so that over the president is of the opinion that a sufficient revenue has been raised, he may end the levy by proclamation, but Congress can overrule his decision by a two-thirds vote.

## INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS.

Discussed at Meeting of Civic Federation  
of New England.

Boston, Jan. 27.—The subject of "Industrial Accidents" was discussed at the annual meeting last night of the Civic Federation of New England.

The meeting was presided over by President Lucius Tuttle of the Boston and Maine railroad, who said:

"The reason there are more accidents in America than in Europe is because the average American has such a high opinion of his personal rights that he does not give a 'd' for trespass signs or automobiles or cars."

Frederick P. Fish, former president of the American Bell Telephone company, said: "Inasmuch as the fruits of industry are shared by everybody, so should the cost of industrial accidents be shared by everybody."

Seth Low, former mayor of New York, said: "The employer's liability insurance must be superceded by a workingmen's compensation act."

John Mitchell, the labor leader, declared: "Society owes it to the laborer to fully recompense him for injuries or his family for his death."

## KILLED AT NIAGARA.

Man Shot to Death While in Fishing  
Boat.

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 27.—John Wyand, of this city, was shot to death in Niagara river yesterday by a man who fired from the Canadian side. Wyand was in a fishing boat when last night at Central avenue and Fourth street.

Game Inspector Thomas Briggs, of the Ontario fish and game protective department, admits that he fired at a launch containing two men yesterday, who he declared were dynamiting fish near the Canadian side. He ordered them ashore and they complied with requests. He sent several live bullets after the launch, with the intention of sinking it. He has reported to the department at Toronto.

## WALL FALLS ON HOUSE.

Five Persons Injured and Several Others  
Are Missing.

Cincinnati, Jan. 27.—Topped over by a 45-mile wind, the brick walls of a recently burned five-story brick building fell on and almost buried an adjoining rowing boat last night at Central avenue and Fourth street.

Five injured persons were removed from the debris of the house after several hours work and several other persons were reported missing. Firemen are digging in the ruins in the hope of rescuing other possible victims.

## BAD OUTLOOK FOR BOUT.

Governor Spry Says He Will Not Allow  
the Jeffries-Johnson Fight.

Salt Lake City, Jan. 27.—With the return of Governor Spry from Washington, the prospects look bad for the Jeffries-Johnson bout. No committee of business men has conferred with Governor Spry, but persons close to him say he will not allow the fight, and a statement to that effect is expected.

BOSTON VERMONTERS  
ELECT G. K. DARLINGAs President to Succeed I. R. Clark, An-  
nual Meeting was Held Last  
Evening at Bos-  
ton.

Boston, Jan. 27.—The annual meeting of the Vermont association of Boston was held last evening at the headquarters in the Westminster.

The new officers are: Gen. Charles K. Darling, president; Charles H. Bradley, vice-president; Dr. Elmond A. Burnham, secretary; Fred G. Holden, treasurer; Rev. James Henry Holden, chaplain; and Harvey King, Thomas J. Boynton, William M. Hatch, Albert H. Willis, George W. Bishop, Mansel H. Bush, John G. Morrison, George H. Dimond and Vernon C. Cooke ex. com.

After the business meeting retiring President Isaiah R. Clark gave an interesting narrative of his recent journey through Germany, Norway, Sweden and Russia.

## DENNISON SAYS HE'S CRAZY.

Charged with Killing Boys, He Main-  
tains Law Can't Touch Him.

New York, Jan. 27.—Herbert Dennison, who is accused of killing little Robert Lomas and Arthur Shibley, has a maniacal hatred of all children, according to the police. Dennison was arraigned in court yesterday, and his preliminary hearing was postponed for a week.

Capt. Price of the detective bureau, after the court had adjourned, told of his conversation with the prisoner. "I asked Dennison," said Capt. Price, "why he had his beard shaved off. 'Because,' answered Dennison, 'while I were the beard I would see the face of a phantom child, and when I shaved the illusion disappeared.'"

"Are you insane?" I asked, and he answered, 'Yes, I'm insane.' When I asked him if he didn't recall shooting the two boys he would drop his eyes and reply, 'I don't remember.' Several times when mentioning the punishment for murder he said, 'They can't do anything to me; I am insane.'"

HOME RULE ISSUE  
IN NEXT ELECTIONAgreement Has Been Made to That Ef-  
fect Between Redmond and As-  
quith—Twenty Per Cent. of  
Liberals Oppose Measure.

London, Jan. 27.—According to an agreement said to have been made between John Redmond and Premier Asquith, home rule will be the overshadowing issue in the next English election. It is believed that the agreement implies a complete union between the Liberals and Nationalists in the proposed reformation of the House of Lords, the budget fight and sweeping election reforms. It is not thought that it will be possible to pass the home rule bill at the next session as 20 per cent. of the Liberals are known to oppose the measure, but its passage is expected at a subsequent parliament. The present strength of the parties is: Conservatives 257, Liberals 245, Nationalists 72, Loyalists 39. Fifty-nine seats are still missing.

GREAT FETE DAY  
IN KAISER'S HONORRuler Receives Calls from Prominent  
Persons, Gives State Banquet  
and Whole City Does Him  
Honor on His Birthday.

Berlin, Germany, Jan. 27.—The fifty-first birthday anniversary of the Kaiser is being observed to-day. Flags are flying everywhere, the state schools are closed and business is largely suspended. In the churches, thanksgiving services are being held and prominent Germans, foreign embassies and representatives are calling at the palace and extending congratulations. The emperor to-night will attend the royal opera house, after which a state banquet will be held.

KING OF FRANCE  
MAY ABDICATEHis Cabinet Will Resign, Leaving Him  
to Deal Single Handed with  
Many Vexing Ques-  
tions.

Athens, Jan. 27.—The cabinet notified King George to-day of its intention to resign, owing to the decline of military law for some reason. The formation of a new cabinet makes the king face a new problem, having to deal single handed with many vexing questions. It is believed that the situation must lead to an early abdication.

## SOUTH ROYALTON.

Mrs. Ada Spaulding is visiting friends  
in East Barnard.  
Henry Prindle, who has been very sick,  
is reported as gaining.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McDonald of Sluon are in town Wednesday.

Several from here attended the district meeting at Northfield Wednesday.

Mrs. Doctor Horrick and Miss Jennie McDonald of West Hartford were in town Tuesday.

The lecture on radium, given by Dr. Charles Tinsell of New York, was largely attended and was a rare treat for the people of this place.

Herbert Snow of Alaska visited Mrs. E. F. Watkins the first of the week, and went from here to Middlebury, Mass., to visit friends before returning to Alaska.

Mrs. W. H. Satter went to Claremont Saturday, where her husband has a position, and they expect to go to housekeeping as soon as they can secure a loan.

SURRENDERS  
TO POLICEMissing Treasurer of South-  
bridge, Mass., Bank

## HE PLEADS NOT GUILTY

To the Charge of Stealing \$21,000 of  
the Bank's Funds and He Was  
Held in \$50,000 Bail  
To-day.

Webster, Mass., Jan. 27.—John A. Hall, treasurer of the Southbridge Savings bank, who is charged with stealing \$21,000 of the bank's funds and who has been sought for several days, surrendered to the state police to-day at Worcester. He was at once arraigned in the district court and he pleaded not guilty. He was held in \$50,000 bail.

The statement was made recently that the bank officials were not anxious to find Hall, but the officials resented the insinuation and declared yesterday that they were using their best efforts to locate the man.

President Paige said that before the Southbridge police were notified word was sent to Deputy Superintendent Watts in Boston and to the police of New York of the condition of the bank and the fact that Treasurer Hall had disappeared, with a full description of him.

Southbridge, Mass., Jan. 27.—President Calvin D. Paige of the Southbridge Savings bank says that the depositors may not suffer severe loss even though John A. Hall be a heavy defaulter.

With a guaranty fund of 2 per cent. of the deposits, amounting to \$120,000, and a profit and loss account of \$50,000, and Treasurer Hall's bond of \$20,000, Mr. Paige declared \$190,000 could be lost absolutely without affecting the deposits.

It is this figure from which inference has been drawn that the defalcation will amount to \$200,000. Mr. Paige said that these figures do not warrant a statement that the depositors will not lose a cent. He says:

"We must simply wait until we get in the deposit books and compare them with the records in the bank before we can make any definite statement of conditions. When we make a statement we want to make a correct one, and until all the records are gone over we are not justified in depending on guess work. The depositors and the public want the facts, and that is what we are going to give them at the very first opportunity."

It is estimated that the result will not be known for a week at least.

SCRAMBLED EGGS  
WERE FATALOnly Because They Had Been Eaten  
After Remaining Too Long in Dish.  
Dennis Bourne of Bur-  
lington Victim.

Burlington, Jan. 27.—A death with a peculiar cause was recorded to-day, when the death certificate of Dennis Bourne, a local grocer, was presented, showing that he died from ptomaine poisoning from eating eggs. Two weeks ago Bourne was taken ill and it was found that the cause was poisoning from eating scrambled eggs, which had remained too long in the dish.

BIG STRIKE IS ON IN  
BEVERLY SHOE SHOPNinety Cutters and Two Hundred Stit-  
chers Leave When Advance in Wages  
Is Refused by Woodbury Shoe  
Company.

Beverly, Mass., Jan. 27.—Ninety cutters and two hundred stitchees of the Woodbury Shoe company have struck, their demand for an advance in wages having been refused.

## INCREASE FIRE PROTECTION.

White River Junction to Have Chemical  
Engines.

White River Junction, Jan. 27.—A meeting of committee from the fire districts was held last evening with Manager Collins of the Hartford Water company to discuss the position of the company upon the question of fire protection preparatory to the adjourned meeting to be held Monday evening next.

The prudential committee has closed a contract for the purchase of three chemical engines, two of 40 gallon tank and one of 45. They also have purchased a life net in pursuance to the vote of the district.

## PLAN FOR \$2,000,000 IMPROVEMENT.

Boston & Maine Directors Holding Meet-  
ing—J. P. Morgan in Attendance.

Boston, Jan. 27.—J. P. Morgan arrived here this afternoon to attend an exclusive meeting of the Boston and Maine directors. While no definite statement has been made, it is believed that they will plan for \$2,000,000 in improvements along the system.

NEW GRANITE SAW.  
Invented by Northfield Man Promises  
Great Things.

Pitoy A. Chase of Northfield, a brother-in-law of Dan J. Morse of this city, is the inventor of a new granite cutting saw, which is said to be a wonder and which will soon supersede the present saw now used in the business, inasmuch as the new invention will save as much granite in one hour as the old granite saw will do in six or eight hours. The invention was tried out at the Webb Granite company's plant in Worcester, Mass., this week, and according to the Worcester Telegram, worked splendidly.

The most important feature of the new saw is that it is composed of a series of nine blades, which are set in swinging heads that are set one behind the other and move through the granite in rotation. The first blade cuts ten inches and the last cuts four feet deep into the stone. The cut in the stone is made up of a series of arcs, each arc going deeper into the stone from the top to the bottom on an incline.

Another feature of the new saw is that it can be used on any stone not over four feet deep, and with a different set of heads it could be used for larger stones. Stones will not had to be quarried for the saw either. The new saw also cuts a smoother surface than the old machine.

Amos F. Lanier of Northfield has been taken into partnership by Mr. Chase. Mr. Lanier acting as business agent and having interested George A. Webb of the Webb company in making the experiment with the saw. Neither Mr. Chase nor Lanier is a mechanic. The former is a draftsman for a Northfield granite concern, being a graduate of Norwich university. Mr. Lanier is a bookkeeper in Northfield. They have taken out patents on the invention and expect to reap good profits through its manufacture.

CITY OFFICIAL  
IS SUSTAINEDMayor Burke of Burlington Lost His  
Contention Against Police Com-  
missioner M. C.  
Powers.

Burlington, Jan. 27.—Michael C. Powers, the police commissioner appointed by Mayor J. E. Burke during his former administration, was last evening acquitted on the charge of negligence, incompetency and misconduct preferred by the mayor and heard before the board of aldermen. The vote stood 1 to 3 for acquittal, the aldermen voting to sustain the charge being Cowles and McCaffrey, Republicans, and Pine, Democrat. The principal witnesses were two detectives from Boston who testified to the alleged irregularity of Powers connecting him with the so-called "sure thing" game here during the recent year last July. The case has created widespread interest.

## GETS REDUCED RATES.

Brattleboro Favored by Lower Electric  
Light and Power Charges.

Brattleboro, Jan. 27.—One of the greatest booms that has come to Brattleboro and its industrial conditions took place yesterday, when Manager E. M. Adair of the Twin State Gas and Electric company announced that a decided cut had been made on electrical power per kilowatt. To those using electricity for lighting, the rate has been reduced from 14 to 13 cents. To industrial concerns of the three c's, the rate has been reduced from 16 to 8 cents and to 8, 9 and 4 cents. To the largest concerns, this means a cut of one-third from the present rate.

The change is the result of the abandonment of the steam generating plant and the taking over of current from the Connecticut River Power company's plant at Vermont. Brattleboro will now be able to offer heavy inducements to manufacturing concerns, and the reduction marks one of the greatest changes in a decade.

Manager Miller of the Barre office of the Consolidated Lighting company stated to-day for purposes of comparison of Barre's and Brattleboro's rates, that the Barre rate on power electricity is on a sliding scale of four to two cents, which is about one-half of Brattleboro's, with most of his company's customers coming under the two-cent rate; while Brattleboro's rate is six and two-thirds cents, as against Brattleboro's thirteen cents. The Brattleboro concern has no coal to burn under its new system, whereas the Consolidated company has to burn coal, for which it pays \$4.75 to \$5.50 a ton, a cost higher than the Brattleboro rate had to pay when burning coal.

Manager Miller thought the far lower rates in Barre and Montpelier should be an argument for new industries coming in. It was an argument in Brattleboro.

THREE BANKRUPTS  
FILED TODAYOne of Them Was Alex MacKenzie, a  
Barre Quarryman, Whose Debts  
of \$338.50 Are Partially Cov-  
ered by Assets of \$200.

Rutland, Jan. 27.—The following filed petitions in bankruptcy to-day with Clerk F. C. Platt of the United States district court:

Clyde Martin of Burlington, a mill hand; liabilities \$841.87; assets \$897.

Alex MacKenzie of Barre, a quarryman; liabilities \$338.50; assets \$200.

Dillon H. Pitt of St. Johnsbury, a laborer; liabilities \$614.64; assets \$193.

Among arrivals at the City hotel last evening and to-day were C. G. Maynard, New York; W. R. Whiting, C. F. Rutlerick, Boston; Arthur Delafite, St. Armand, Que.; John A. Crooks, J. L. Burns, E. A. Phillips, E. J. Davis, Northfield; F. S. Springer, Enosburg Falls.

Ray Williams of Burlington arrived in this city to-day and will begin work to-night as night clerk at the City hotel. George Miles, who has been employed as clerk for several months, leaves to-morrow for St. Johnsbury, where he has a position as clerk at the Avenue House.

COMPULSORY  
EDUCATIONAdvanced as Remedy for  
Leaving School Too Soon

## BY SUPT. O. D. MATHEWSON

He Favors a State Law to Make Children  
Attain a Certain Grade—Other  
Remedies for Furthering the  
Cause of Education.

In his annual report, School Supt. O. D. Mathewson of this city advocates a compulsory education law for Vermont, that is, a law which shall require a normal child to receive a "minimum education" before being allowed to leave school. This is to supplement the "compulsory attendance" law, which is now on the statute books, and the suggestion follows the presentation of statistics, which show that one-half of Barre's school children leave school with their elementary education uncompleted—statistics which, by the way, are better in this respect than Kingston, N. Y., Walham, Mass., Medford, Mass., Fitchburg, Mass., Newark, Ohio, New Brunswick, N. J., Newport, R. I., Meriden, Conn., and Woonsocket, R. I., whose entering classes are similar in size to Barre's.

School statistics in Barre show that the exodus begins largely about the fifth and sixth grades, until the high school is reached, when less than half of those who entered the public school system remain.

Supt. Mathewson says, in his annual report, that these figures are worthy of very serious consideration. He then considers the reasons for so many leaving. "The most frequent reason given," he says, "is 'to go to work,' but the proportion is far less than those who leave school because of 'unmastered progress in school work.' Again, about one-fifth leave because of poor health; a very small number leave to attend private schools, while some leave 'for personal reasons.'"

Having thus given the causes, Supt. Mathewson takes up the remedies for the dropping out of pupils. He suggests (1) a more flexible course of study, so arranged that it may be completed in less time by some than others; (2) the course of study should be brought into close touch with the local conditions and the actual needs of the children; (3) much more attention should be given to the physical state of children, by providing for medical inspection of children through a school nurse; (4) irregular attendance should be cut down. In connection with this last-named remedy, Supt. Mathewson says: "We have a compulsory attendance law, but it is difficult to enforce it without the hearty support of the home and community. A law requiring a minimum education before a normal child is allowed to leave school. Such a law would stimulate greater endeavor and greater regularity in attendance."

## COMPLETED APRIL 1

Say School Commissioners About New  
School Building.

April 1 is the date given by the Barre school commissioners for the completion of the new Camp street school building, according to their annual report. Regarding the construction, they state: "The building is being erected under the supervision of A. B. Lane, and, according to careful estimates of the work yet to be done, it is expected that the cost will be kept within the appropriation," which amount was \$40,000, including cost of site. The commissioners report that they have bought all the land authorized to buy, except the "Gospel Village Common," and they hope to be able to buy this last-named piece, so that roads and walks can be laid out in the spring.

The commissioners report also of the raise in the salary of the teachers last September, the maximum salary being raised from \$425 to \$475, while the minimum salary is \$375, being increased \$25 each year.

An additional instructor has been placed in the high school, and the commercial course has been strengthened by the addition of one year to the course, thereby "giving an opportunity for a more thorough training in English." The commissioners urge also more regularity in attendance by the pupils of all the schools.

## SOME PUBLIC REQUESTS.

Left by Late Daniel W. Robinson of Bur-  
lington.

Burlington, Jan. 27.—The will of the late Daniel W. Robinson of Burlington was entered in probate court yesterday. Several bequests are mentioned and the residue is to go to his widow, Elsie A. Robinson, but upon the decease of Mrs. Robinson several public bequests become operative.

Five thousand dollars is left to the trustees of the diocese of Vermont, to be known as the Mary Letitia Robinson fund, the annual income to be paid St. Paul's parish and expended in such a manner as the vestry may deem best. An annual sum is also left to the diocese, the income of which shall be given to the diocesan missions in Vermont. One thousand dollars is left for aged women and \$1000 given to the Y. M. C. A. Elsie A. Robinson, H. L. Ward and C. L. Smith were commissioned as executors of the estate, while E. C. Mower and M. C. Grandy were appointed as the commissioners' appraisers.

HAS BILLS UNDER  
CONSIDERATIONManufacturers' Association Hearing Re-  
ports from the Conference Com-  
tee This Afternoon.

The Granite Manufacturers' association of Barre met at 2 o'clock this afternoon to hear reports from its conference committee and what had been done since the last meeting on Friday evening of last week. It is also expected that the bills for a new agreement submitted by Barre branch, G. I. A., the tool sharpeners and polishers, will be discussed. Following this meeting will probably come more conferences to-morrow.

## HEARTY SUPPORT.

For Proposal to Help Relief Fund at  
Opera House.

Acknowledgment of receipts from the following for the relief of the needy members of the lumpers, boxers and derelicts' union is made: Barre opera house management and the Whitehead-Strass company, which is filling a week's engagement at the house, donated 25 per cent. of their gross receipts last evening. Whether it was the confidence of the public in the local manager, J. E. Hosen, or the reputation of the Whitehead-Strass company for presenting a good play or merely the desire of the public to help in the cause by filling the opera house might be a matter for difference of opinion. But there is no question that the crowd turned out, and nothing but approval is to be heard as to the manner in which the company presented their parts or the manner in which the house is conducted.

The proceeds of the performance must be gratifying to all parties concerned and will help the relief committee to supply the wants of a goodly number for a few days longer.

The Dreamland theatre management turned over 20 per cent. of its receipts for last evening, and generously offer to follow the same course next Saturday evening. The Bijou management has also made arrangements to again donate 20 per cent. of its receipts for this (Thursday) evening.

## OLD PALS MEET

And Tell the "Sucker Story" over Again,  
with Added Embellishments.

Twelve members of the party that meets at Greenboro pond every summer and have been together for many years on hunting trips gathered at the home of E. A. Brown on Walnut street last evening and were entertained in a royal manner, that will be remembered by everyone present for years to come. Every one of the regular members of the party were present, except F. D. Ladd and Frank McWhorter, who are out of town. Those present were B. W. Hooker, John W. Dillon, Nelson D. Phelps, George B. Mins, George Bond, James Mackay, N. J. Roberts, A. P. Abbott, Fritz Jackson, B. E. White, E. A. Fennell and H. F. Cutler.

First, the party set down to a full-course banquet, served by Mrs. Brown, and while they enjoyed this feast the party made merry by rehearsing old adventures, among which the "sucker" story, so well known by every summerer, was again told, with all the embellishments. Following the banquet, the rest of the evening was enjoyed in playing drive whist, which ended in everyone receiving a prize, the high scorer, however, having the first choice. The prizes were framed colored reproductions of different scenes around Greenboro pond, which are highly prized by the members.

## HIBERNIANS HAD FINE TIME.

Large Attendance at Annual Installation  
of Officers.

Miles' hall, Graniteville, was filled to overflowing last night, when division No. 3, A. O. H., held its annual installation of officers. More than sixty members of the A. O. H. and Ladies' auxiliary of this city and forty from Montpelier were present. The exercises opened with a few remarks by the state vice-president, J. B. Fitzpatrick, who introduced Rev. Fr. Turcott as speaker of the evening. After a short musical program, with remarks by Dr. W. W. Stewart of Barre and the county president, D. F. McGovern of Montpelier, the newly elected officers were installed by Deputy J. E. Murphy of Barre. During the dance which followed, a bountiful supper was served at McKenney's restaurant, across the street. The committee of arrangement is to be congratulated, as the affair was declared by all present to be the most enjoyable ever held by the Hibernians in Washington county.

The officers of the division are as follows: President, J. B. Fitzpatrick; vice-president, John Joyce; recording secretary, J. P. Finnegan; financial secretary, Lawrence Flynn; treasurer, John Sheridan; sergeant-at-arms, Peter McMurphy; sentinels, Timothy Murphy and E. Rafferty.

## VISITORS WERE PRESENT

From Neighboring Lodges at the N. E.  
O. F. Meeting.

Barre lodge, No. 138, N. E. O. F., held a largely attended and enjoyable meeting last evening, at which time the new officers were installed by the grand warden, E. A. Bugbee of this city. Visitors were present from Montpelier and East Barre, who, with the local members, filled the lodge room. One candidate was initiated, after which the officers were installed as follows: Junior warden, Mrs. J. E. Giffin; warden, Bori N. Cuts; vice warden, Mrs. Clara Swasey; chaplain, Mrs. Denison Denmore; secretary, C. A. Speare; financial secretary, P. M. Culler; treasurer, H. K. Bush; guide, Miss Maude Dyke; guardian, Miss Maude Gray; sentinels, Archie York, trustee for three years, E. A. Williams. At the close of the meeting, a banquet was served in the dining hall.

## WILLIAMSTOWN.

The Rural Good Luck club will meet with Mrs. Lena Briggs Saturday afternoon, February 5. Lessons from United States history, pages 331 to 354.

There will be a Swedish gospel meeting at 7 Laurel street to-night at 7:30 o'clock. All are cordially invited to attend.

CHURCH CALLS  
A MINISTERBarre Congregationalists Want  
Dr. John W. Barnett

## ACTION WAS UNANIMOUS

Church Meeting Was Held Last Night  
and Voted to Invite Marblehead,  
Mass., Man to Become Church  
Leader.

By a unanimous vote, the Congregational church last evening voted to extend a call to Rev. John W. Barnett, Ph. D., of Marblehead, Mass., to become its pastor. The meeting was held in the auditorium of the church and there was a good attendance. G. Herbert Page was chosen moderator and C. S. Wallace clerk. H. G. Woodruff, chairman of the lookout committee, reported for that body, stating that since its appointment 63 names had been before it for consideration. The committee recommended that the church call Dr. Barnett. On motion of Wm. Marr, seconded by James Adie, the church voted to ask Dr. Barnett to become its pastor, everyone voting in the affirmative.

Dr. John W. Barnett, to whom the Congregational church has voted to extend a call, is now pastor of the Congregational church at Marblehead, Mass. He has been settled over this parish for about two years. Previous to coming to Marblehead, he was pastor of the Congregational church in Jefferson, Ohio, and before that in Columbus, Ohio. He is a native of Pennsylvania and a graduate of Butler Theological seminary in Ohio. Dr. Barnett occupied the pulpit in the Barre church for two Sundays, January 9 and 16, and he appealed to all as a good man and a good preacher.

The meeting accepted the resignation of Elton Barrett as collector and appoint. of J. C. Griggs in his place. George Linekin was appointed assistant collector.

## WON LAST NIGHT.

Manchester Unity "Put It Over" Red  
Men Cribbage Players.

The Manchester Unity cribbage players did all kinds of things to the Red Men's team last evening, the contest ending five to three in favor of the former team.

The play by tables was as follows: Graham and Reid, M. U., defeated Taylor and Hogg, R. M.; Jell and St. Clair, M. U., defeated Riddick and Crowley, R. M.; Gauthier and Chappel, M. U., defeated Bressett and Morgan, R. M.; Kennedy and Cowie, M. U., defeated Naughton and Ewen, R. M.; Oliver and Henry, M. U., defeated Davidson and Brindle, R. M.

Greig and Fraser, R. M., defeated Leith and Craig, M. U.; Brown and Booth, R. M., defeated Tierney and McLeod, M. U.; Ironside and Laxon, R. M., defeated Beggie and Ritchie, M. U.

The next contest is scheduled for January 31, when the Catholic Order of Foresters team will play the Manchester Unity team.

## TALK OF THE TOWN.

Charles Herrera of Berlin visited friends in this city to-day.

Thomas Quillen went to Northfield to-day for a visit with friends.

For the white sale Saturday, 50c corn sets 45c per pair, at Vaughan's.

A. G. Bigelow of Brookfield was a business visitor in this city to-day.

Miss Mary Corcoran went to Burlington to-day for a visit with relatives.

Miss Elizabeth Gorman went to Keene, N. H., to-day for a visit with friends.

Mrs. Michael Corcoran went to Burlington to-day for a week's visit with friends.

Regular meeting of the I. O. O. L., M. U., will be held Friday evening at seven o'clock sharp. Per order E. C.